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SUBJECT: TOGOLESE-LIBYAN JOINT COMMUNIQUE

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1. EMBOFF TOOK OPPORTUNITY AT REPRESENTATIONAL FUNCTION FEB. 15 TO NOTE TO ANANI DAGBA, DIRECTOR INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES DIVISION OF MFA, DISCREPANCY BETWEEN COMMUNIQUE AND TOGOLESE VOTES AT UNGA ON ANTI-ZIONISM RES. DAGBA, WHO WAS MEMBER BOTH UNGA DEL AND EYADEMA'S ENTOURAGE AT TRIPOLI, DEFENSIVELY DENIED COMMUNIQUE CHANGED TOGOLESE POSITION. HE CHARACTERIZED STATEMENT MERE COURTESY TO LIBYAN HOSTS AND URGED EMBOFF NOT TO READ MORE INTO IT. EMBOFF OBSERVED, WHATEVER TOGOLESE INTENTIONS, EFFECT OF STATEMENT WAS TO STRENGTHEN LINK BETWEEN ZIONISM AND RACISM, LINK WHICH U.S. FOUND TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE AND OBSTACLE TO SUPPORTING AFRICANS IN EFFORTS TO COMBAT REAL RACISM IN AFRICA.

2. COMMENT: BELIEVE DAGBA GOT POINT THAT PLAYING TWO SIDES OF STREET CAN BE EMBARRASSING. WE WILL MAKE OUR OBSERVATIONS WITH OTHERS IN MFA AS OCCASION ARISES. TOGOLESE FOREIGN POLICY OPPORTUNISM IS DEEP SEATED, HOWEVER, AND THIS SORT OF EDUCATIVE DIPLOMACY WILL INFLUENCE TOGOLESE BEHAVIOR ONLY OVER LONG TERM AND TO DEGREE TOGOLESE BELIEVE U.S. IS SUFFICIENTLY RESPONSIVE TO THEIR CONCERNS TO WARRANT NOT GIVING GRATUITOUS OFFENSE.

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